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RE: U.S. PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/863,254

Confirmation No.: 9281

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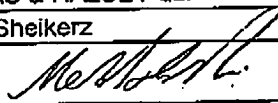
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| <b>REPLY/AMENDMENT<br/>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>  |   | Attorney Docket No.                | 1538.1014              |              |                   |
|   |   | Application Number                 | 09/863,254             |              |                   |
|   |   | Filing Date                        | May 24, 2001           |              |                   |
|   |   | First Named Inventor               | Hiroyasu SHINO, et al. |              |                   |
|   |   | Group Art Unit                     | 3625                   |              |                   |
| AMOUNT ENCLOSED   | \$110.00  | Examiner Name                      | Robert E. Rhode, Jr.   |              |                   |
| <b>FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)</b>  |   |                                    |                        |              |                   |
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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Docket No.: 1538.1014

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In re the Application of:

Hiroyasu SHINO, et al.

Serial No. 09/863,254

Group Art Unit: 3625

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Filed: May 24, 2001

Examiner: Robert E. Rhode, Jr.

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SELLING OR PURCHASING COMMODITIES VIA  
NETWORK

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 14, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on October 14, 2004. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee, is enclosed thereby extending the response due date to November 15, 2004 (November 14, 2004 falling on a Sunday). This Reply is timely filed on November 15, 2004 via certificate of facsimile.

Entry and consideration of the remarks, including reconsideration of the claims, is respectfully requested, because the remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the claimed present invention.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Reply, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.